



FY 10 HIGHLIGHTED MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Broad Overview of Major Accomplishments for FY10

- Maintaining Core Services with Significantly Reduced Workforce: 1993 Staffing level
- Administrative Efficiencies
- Service Enhancements
- Productivity Enhancements
- Significant Costs Savings-Costs Reductions



Broad Overview of Major Accomplishments for FY10

- New Initiatives
- Landmark Partnerships
- Enhanced Volunteer Partnerships
- Enhanced Local Governmental Partnerships
- Award Winning Initiatives, Departments, Divisions and Staff



County Attorney

- Received final decisions: **APA Emerson v. St. Lucie County**
Grisby v. St. Lucie County. County prevailed in both cases.
- Pretrial/GPS Program:
 - Over 5,300 field contacts
 - saved over \$3.2M in inmate bed days
 - processed 17,000 drug tests
- Property Acquisition completed:
 - acquisition of 33 homes (NSP and SRP)
 - acquisition of 19 parcels(right-of-way and pond sites)
 - 143 Right-Of-Way permits processed



County Administration

- Update of the Purchasing Manual
- Development of the 2010 Strategic Plan
- Reorganization of the county organization (Directors and Managers played a pivotal role)

New Partnerships:

- City of Fort Pierce: Research and Education Park, Memorandum of Understanding with Oakridge National Laboratory and General Electric
- Solar & Energy Loan Fund, Inc. (SELF) new non-profit agency
- Green Collar Task Force
- Historical Society for operation of the Regional History Center Volunteer Health Clinic (H.A.N.D.S.): Community Services & Facilities played key roles
- Arts & Cultural Alliance of St. Lucie, Inc.
- Media Services first Video PSA grant program: Habitat for Humanity, Department of Forestry and United Way



County Administration

Awards:

- Excellence Awards-Excellent Category
Press Releases/Media Coverage: Oyster Reef Program
- Parks and Preserves Brochure
- Special Event-Grand Opening of the Douglas Anderson EOC
- Judges' Award Video PSA-St. Lucie County Spay/Neuter Program
- Press Release-Bunks at the New EOC
- Achievement Award-Community/Economic Dev.
Local Economic Stimulus Program



Environmental Resources and Cooperative Extension

- \$6.4M of land acquisition, habitat restoration, environmental and agricultural education and assistance programs
- Removed exotics from 525 acres: (30% increase from FY09)
- Personal Hygiene and Food Safety training: I.R. Citrus League packing houses (increase of 59% from FY09)
- Issued 288 Vegetation Removal Permits: (increase of 60% from FY09)
- Preserved 177 acres under conservation easements: (550% increase over FY09)
- Pesticide applicator training courses: (384 students trained - 92% passed State exam)

New Partnerships:

- Control burns initiative: Florida Division of Forestry, IRSC, Sherriff's Office and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



Environmental Resources and Cooperative Extension

Awards:

- Florida Green Building Council's "Gold Certification"
- National 2010 Coastal America Partnership Award: outstanding efforts to restore and protect coastal environment
- SLC Conservation Alliance 2010 Outstanding Environmental Service Award
- 2010 Florida Entomological Society Achievement Award for Research Teams
- 2010 Search for Excellence in Landscape Horticulture Award from the National Association of Agricultural Agents



Housing & Community Services

- Installed Wi-Fi at all five library branches.
- Veteran compensation of over \$65M: (21% increase over FY09)
- 959 residents with filing tax returns-VITA program: (\$1.46M tax return; a 28% increase over FY09)
- 2010 Census: (4% participation increase for an overall response rate of 71%)

Capital Projects:

- 3.2M transit intermodal facility: Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency, Florida D.O.T. and Federal Transit Administration
- Avenue Q water and sewer project: 20 homes



Housing & Community Services

Partnerships:

- Friends of the Library: 2-Year \$150,000 commitment for operating expenses for the Hurston Branch library
- Housing Division became certified as a HUD Housing Counseling Agency



Human Resources

- New Third Party Administrator: Anticipated decrease in claims costs of 10% to 15%
- New administrator: Flexible Health Savings & Dependent Care: 33% reduction in cost
- Reduction in Property & Casualty insurance premium costs: \$438,680 saving over FY09
- Completed closeout audits of FEMA large projects: Resulted in \$5.7M more in reimbursement
- Resolved back-log of outstanding grievances



Mosquito Control & Coastal Management

- No 'Locally-acquired' human cases of West Nile virus, St. Louis Encephalitis, etc
- The Artificial Reef Program: First Annual Sea Turtle Lighting Monitoring Report

Capital Projects:

- Completed \$135,269 in permitting and pump station installation costs for hydrological improvements at Imp 14C
- Completed 5.8 acre Spoil Island-3 \$130,405 grant funded restoration project
- Completed the \$452,900 Inlet Sand Bypassing Feasibility Report; 50:50 match from Department of Environmental Regulation
- Completed five (5) Artificial Reef Deployments (2000 tons)



Mosquito Control & Coastal Managemnt

New Partnerships:

- Volunteer beach clean-up
- Oyster reef construction and installation

Awards:

- 2010 Coastal America partnership National Award Winner received by Jim David
- 2010 SLC Environmentalist of the Year Award from Conservation Alliance received by James Oppenborn



Management, Budget, Purchasing & Grants

- Secured \$10M in grant funding
- Closed on the Harbor Branch \$7.3M property acquisition
- Created Vendor database and contract database
- Joined PSL Bank of America Contract for credit card expenditures

Awards:

- Received the GFOA budget award



Parks, Recreation & Facilities

- Maintained over 2,500 acres of parks, beaches, golf course and public facility grounds
- Provided programs and facilities for events serving over 500,000 SLC residents and visitors
- Maintained over 100 County facilities (1.6M + square feet of space)



Parks, Recreation & Facilities

Capital Projects:

- \$2.5M Phase III construction project at South County Regional Stadium.
- Golf Course Green Reconstruction Project
- Completed \$423,000 ADA playground and infrastructure improvements:
 - River Park Marina
 - MLK Dreamland
 - Park and Museum Point Park.
- Completed \$110,000 of improvements at the SLC Fairgrounds including: ADA and drainage improvements, t-shirt rap at the main sewer lift station, new footing in Adams Arena: 62 horse stalls.
- Office renovations: Housing and Environmental Resources Department

Awards:

- *Special Services Award* from the Florida Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association to employee Tommy Bowes, Digital Domain Park Grounds Maintenance Superintendent (for the FHSAA State Baseball Tournament)



Planning & Development Services

- Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)
- Western Lands Study and Research Park Area Charette.
- Economic development expedited permit review
- Tourist Information Center

Partnership:

- County capital grant program: Backus Gallery, Heathcote Botanical Gardens and National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum

Awards:

- New runway 10L/28R
- Airport received the National Association of Counties Achievement Award – Florida Scrub Jay Action Plan
- Florida Airports Council – General Aviation Airport Environmental Excellence Award: various environmental mitigation projects (FL Scrub Jay Action Plan)



Public Safety & Communications

- AT&T on the Master Service Agreement. Monthly savings of \$11,500 for a total of \$57,500 (May – September)
- Customer Information/Billing System conversion for Utilities

Capital Projects:

- Relocated the Information Technology Division to Rock Road

Partnerships:

- New universal Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) project

Awards:

- Twenty-seven 911 employees received the 911 Public Safety Telecommunicator Dispatch certification: Dept. of Health
- County's 911 training manual was the first in Florida to be approved by the Florida Dept. of Health



Public Works

- Took over the mowing responsibilities previously contracted out
- Shoulder repairs on Orange Avenue from Rim Ditch Road to Okeechobee County Line
- Cleaning of Hog Pen Ditch to improve storm water outfall for the Savannas
- Upgrade of the SLCU customer service/billing system
- Water meter register change-out program
- Rate Consolidation for the Water & Sewer District

Capital Projects:

- Drainage improvement project on Esplanade Avenue at Cortez Boulevard
- Culvert replacement project on Admiral Street at Cortez Boulevard
- Reconstruction roadways project in River Branch Estates neighborhood
- Drainage improvement project in Beau Rivage neighborhood
- In-house crews completed new drainage and paved roadways in Paradise Park



Public Works

New Partnerships:

- Walton Road (from US 1 to Village Green Drive) roadway reconstruction project
- Platt's Creek \$2M Mitigation Improvements for Crosstown Parkway.
- Advanced the Geoplasma partnership
- Juanita Avenue over Taylor Creek Bridge